



## City Paragraphs.



Dr. C. Clifford Fry, Surgeon Dentist, at 1745 L street, N.W., is building up a steady practice in his profession.

Dr. U. J. Daniels, a leading young physician in South Washington, is building up a magnificent practice.

Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School was a visitor in Richmond, Va., last week.

Mr. Clarence C. White and Miss Flossie Thompson have been appointed assistant music teachers in our public schools.

Mr. Francis J. Poston, a well known newspaper man of Dayton, Ohio, holds an important position in the Government Printing Office.

Mr. Benjamin F. Chinn who conducts an enterprising shaving parlor at Hyattsville, Md., spent a few days in the city last week. He is an admirer of The Colored American.

Mr. Edward C. Allen of the Southern Hotel, is at home for a few days struggling with a mild case of la grippe. He has just returned from a trip to Gotham.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the families of Mr. Jas. Johnson, Mrs. Blanche Williams and of Master Garnett Fisher, all three of whom died last Sunday.

The annual opening of Fitzgerald's Auditorium Cafe, Atlantic City, New Jersey, March the 9th, has been announced. There will be music and many other interesting features on this occasion.

Mr. Edward Rouser of the Post Office Department is one of the coming young men at that busy mart.

Mrs. M. J. Gaskins, mother of Mr. A. J. Gaskins, has been indisposed for a few days but is convalescent at this writing.

The Young Men's Protective League are on the boards for a grand entertainment at the Washington Light Infantry Hall, April 15th. The committees have all been appointed and great preparations are being made for the event.

Many deaths occurred in the city in the past week. Among them was Mr. James Johnson of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, well known in Masonic circles; Mrs. Harry Williams, wife of our well known townsman and Mr. Henry Green, a member of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. A. J. Gaskins of Gaskins & Gaines has gone to Lakewood, New Jersey, where he will spend a few weeks for the benefit of his health.

Dr. Booker T. Washington will speak at the Metropolitan A.M.E. church, M street, between 15th and 16th streets, Tuesday evening, March the 18th. Admission free.

Mr. J. M. Jackson, mixologist for Gaskins & Gaines, was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. J. C. Robertson, head of the Real Estate Department of the Grand United Order of True Reformers, was a visitor in our city last week, and delivered one of his most practical addresses before a special meeting of the Order.

Mr. Ed DeLyons, one of the finest tailors in Jersey City, N. J., has now opened fine parlors in the same building with Mr. Charlie Bullock, and is doing high class work for some of the swellest dressers around in Jersey and New York. He is located at No. 311 Railroad avenue and a glance at his large line of spring fabrics will surely cause you to give him an order when you begin thinking of your new suit or overcoat.

The Tailors and Dressmakers Association held a special meeting last Thursday evening, February 25th, at 1200 U street, N. W. There was a large attendance and new members enrolled. The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 10th, at same place at 8 p. m., when there will be an address delivered by Attorney L. Melendez King on the interest of the Association and its purpose.

There is a growing sentiment among the colored people of the District that business enterprises conducted by colored men be organized and operated at once for the purpose of controlling the large volume of money spent each day and week and month by the colored people for the necessities of life.

### BISHOP WILLIAMS HERE.

Bishop R. S. Williams, of the Third Episcopal District of the C.M.E. church will spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 11, 12 and 13th inst. in this city. The Bishop will speak at Hillsdale Sta. Friday evening at 8:30. He will preach Sunday at Israel 11 a. m., at Lane Tabernacle 3:30 p. m., and Miles Memorial at 7:30 p. m. The Bishop pastored Israel church three years very successfully and made many friends whom he will be delighted to see at one of the above services. He leaves on Monday to hold the Jersey Conference which convenes at Camden on Wednesday the 16th inst.

### A FREE TRIP TO ST. LOUIS.

Mr. A. L. Satterwhite, proprietor of the Municipal Buffet, at 1310 E street, N.W., has offered a free round trip ticket to St. Louis to the most popular colored Mason or Odd Fellow in the District of Columbia. The decision will be made by ballot, votes being deposited for favorites at 1310 E street, N.W. Mr. Satterwhite is one of our most enterprising business men, and the Municipal Buffet is the most popular retreat in the city of its kind.

## The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

**BENEFITS PAID**—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$r,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

**SENIOR FOUNTAINS**—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master or to any of his authorized deputies.

**ROSEBUDS**—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

**CLASSES**—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$4.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.38
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.38
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.38
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	140.00	70.00	5.79	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.85
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	6.55	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.85
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	7.60	1.90						

### Class "M"

Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 30	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$21.90	\$5.25
30 to 35	12.00	100.00	22.00	5.50
35 to 40	12.00	905.00	23.00	5.75
40 to 45	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00
45 to 50	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25

**REGALIA**—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

**THE SAVINGS BANK**—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank

of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,358, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Hammersham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

**REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT**—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

**REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION**—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

**THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT**—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print any thing from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 72 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made at a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

**OLD FOLKS' HOME**—In September, 1898, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 6344 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the cooperation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and notices of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va. For further information address—

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